St. Cecilia Church

535 Rhawn Street ~ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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CYO Facebook: Saint Cecilia Catholic Youth Organization

Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Closed on Holy Days of Obligation

Sacraments

Baptism: First 3 Sundays of the month at 12:15pm. Arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the Baptism. Attendance at a Pre-Jordan class is required for first time parents. Please pre-register for class by contacting the Rectory at 215-725-1240.

Marriage: Couples must contact a priest six months prior to the wedding.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00PM

Homebound Visitation: Please contact the Rectory.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
Vigil 5:00pm (Saturday)
6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Monday through Friday
6:30 and 8:30 AM

Saturday
8:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation
6:30, 8:30, 10:30am & 6:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Everyone is welcome to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays
October 17
October 24
October 31

12:00—2:00pm
Spend some quiet time with the Lord

Parish Council Meeting

A Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15 at 7:00PM in the lower level meeting room. Please contact Susan Wagner at 215-725-1240 if unable to attend.

Pre-Cana

Couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony are required to attend a Pre-Cana Program. Saint Cecilia Church will host a one day program on Saturday, November 3rd at the Medical Mission Sisters on Pine Road beginning at 9:00am. We will conclude with the 5:00pm Mass at Saint Cecilia Church. Pre-registration is required by contacting the rectory at 215-725-1240.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Do you have an immediate prayer need or can you offer the gift of prayer? The '*People of Love*' Prayer Group meets every Monday evening at 7:30PM in the Cecilian Room. You are always welcome to join us and renew your Spirit.

Manna Food Drive

Next weekend we are collecting non-perishable food items. Please bring them to the vestibule of the Church. God bless you for thinking of others.

Aid For Friends

We are always looking for volunteers to help with this ministry. Perhaps you would consider being a volunteer cook for AFF. Just add an extra portion to your family meal, freeze it in the trays we provide, and bring them to the freezer located in the alcove between the rectory and church. For info on how you can help, please call Bernadette O'Donnell at 215-379-3448.

FREEZER HOURS: **Mon thru Fri 8:30am-6pm** **Sat & Sun 8:30am-4pm**

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FOCUS: God offers us the perspective of eternity.

In a secular world, so many people today have a limited perspective, valuing and pursuing what they see before their eyes and what benefits them in this current life. God calls us, as followers of Jesus, to take the longer view—to pursue eternal values, trusting that God will also give us what we need here and now.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the Book of Wisdom, Solomon sees beyond the beauties and attractions of this world and chooses the eternal values of wisdom and prudence. In the second reading, we learn of the keen edge of the word of God. In the Gospel, a rich young man is hampered by his wealth from responding to the call to follow Jesus.

REFLECTION: If the man did give up his riches, what visible assurance would he have that he had God's approval and the gift of life? He would have to keep trusting and following Christ. "All he would have" would be Jesus to assure him of God's favor?

So we ask ourselves:

- Is Jesus enough for us?
- What signs do we look for, what do we need to assure us of God's love?

Holy Day of Obligation

All Saints Day—Thursday, November 1
Please remember there is no Vigil Mass for Holy Days

Masses on Thursday
6:30, 8:30, 10:30am & 6:00pm

Have Mercy On Us, O Lord

All Catholics are invited to spend time each month before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our bishops and priests.

Sundays at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul
18th & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy
Monthly Holy Hours 5:30—6:30pm
Confessions at 5:30pm; Mass at 6:30pm
October 14; November 11; December 16

Mass Schedule For October 20th & 21st

Saturday 5:00pm	Celebrant: Father Lucas Lector: Zach Demusz
Sunday 6:30am	Celebrant: Father Lucas Lector: Anne Corcoran
8:00am	Celebrant: Father Lucas Lector: Eileen Litka
9:30am	Celebrant: Father Al Concha Lector: Colleen Demusz
11:00am	Celebrant: Father John Lyons Lector: Patrick Gleason

Pray the Rosary during October

Congratulations to our newly Married Couples

Stephen Lugas & Allyson Stone
John Walls & Jessica Adams

God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Spenser Louis Clarke
Julianna Rose Keenan
Nova Kathleen Prosperi
Michael Dennis Murray
Emily Marie Borgia
Amanda Frank
Anthony Gabriel
William Wilson Vazquez
Calvin Gregory Edwards
Henry Austin Jaskel
Daniel Thomas Mangold
Michael Ryan Keck
Katherine Keck

2019 Mass Book

Request sheets for announced Masses may be returned to the rectory Tuesday, October 16th beginning at 8:30am

Letter from the Archbishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has called for an "Extraordinary Missionary Month" to be celebrated in October 2019 with the goal of fostering an increased awareness of our baptismal call to be missionaries.

In light of this request by the Holy Father, I am happy to announce that beginning this World Mission Sunday, October 21, 2018, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will dedicate the year leading up to October 2019 as the Extraordinary Year of Mission.

On World Mission Sunday, as we begin this Extraordinary Year of Mission, you are asked for response in the way of your prayers and help to reawaken this calling to be a missionary and to work with a new impulse to further the missionary transformation of life and pastoral activity. The Pontifical Mission Societies were born of devoted hearts as a means of supporting the preaching of the Gospel to every nation contributing to the human and cultural growth of all those who thirst for truth.

The prayers and the material aid generously given and distributed through the Societies enable the Holy See to ensure that those who are helped in their personal needs can in turn bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives.

It is my hope during this year each one of us is frequently reminded of our vocational call, by our baptism, to be missionaries. "We need to bring Jesus Christ to the whole world and the whole world to Jesus Christ." I have said this before, and it holds true today.

I pray that beginning on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, each of you will pray daily, increase your heartfelt generosity and sacrifice for missionaries and the people they serve, and embrace missionary discipleship.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Infant Memorial Service

Holy Redeemer invites you and your family who have experienced a loss through miscarriage, stillbirth or death of an infant to our interfaith Infant Memorial Service on **Saturday, Nov. 3rd** at 3:00pm in the Redeemer Chapel (located between the hospital and St. Joseph Manor).

Have Courage—God is with You

Explore the presence and action of God in your life through Prayer and Art. A retreat weekend for women ages 18-40. Are you being called to religious life or lay ministry? Retreat begins at 6:00pm on Friday, Nov. 23 to Sunday, Nov. 25. For info contact Sr. Kim Kessler, at vocations@holyredeemer.com or 215-914-4110.

Clothing Drive at Saint Cecilia—Nov. 17

Start looking through your closets and gather your 'unwanted stuff' for St. Vincent de Paul Society. On Saturday, November 17 look for the GreenDrop truck in the parking lot from 8:00am to 12:00pm. We accept clothing, shoes, tools, collectibles, kitchenware, toys, small appliances, electronics, musical instruments, sporting goods. Please NO TV's or computer monitors. Place your donations in plastic bags or boxes. Thank you for your help.

Celebrate St. Katherine Drexel

You are invited to the celebration of the installation of the tomb with the sacred remains of St. Katherine Drexel on **Sunday, Nov. 18** at 11:00am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul. All religious communities, schools and institutions, archdiocesan groups and organizations are asked to send representatives to this celebration. If coming as a large group, please RSVP to Donna Huddell at dhuddell@archphila.org.

Mass for those suffering from addiction

All are invited to join in a Mass on **Saturday, Oct. 27** at 12:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

This Is My Brave is an inspiring, storytelling-based production featuring people sharing their stories of overcoming mental illness through essay, poetry, comedy, and music all aimed at ending the stigma surrounding mental illness. All of those genres are in the Elkins Park show. This live stage show will be performed on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7:00pm at the Gratz College Theater, 7605 Old York Road, Elkins Park. The performers are the real thing, not professional actors. Tickets are $20 gen. adm; $15 students. Purchase your ticket at thisismybrave.org/events.

Hurricane Florence

We have sent a parish donation of $1,500 to help address the humanitarian and church needs of all the people suffering from the effects of Hurricane Florence. We are able to do this thanks to your generosity to the parish.

Support your Parish and see a great show!

St. Cecilia's Got Talent

Gather your friends for a fun night of entertainment by vocalists, dancers, a magician and more.

Tickets on sale for $10

Many of our own parishioners and some surprises

The audience plays a part in the winner selection too

DATE
Saturday, October 20th

TIME
Doors open at 6:15pm
Show begins 7:00pm

For tickets contact Mary Weymer at 215-287-2792 or email parisheventplanners@gmail.com. Outside food and drinks permitted and water, soda and snacks will be on sale.

Senior Citizen News

- **St. Cecilia Seniors** meet on Thursdays from 10am to 2pm in the auditorium. We offer guest speakers, entertainment, special occasion lunches, trips, bingo, and 50/50. New members (ages 50+) are always welcome to join and you can bring a friend. You do not have to be a member of the parish to join the fun. For more information, please call the rectory at 215-725-1240.
- **St. William Seniors** meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 12pm at Wesley, 7040 Oxford Ave. The next meeting is Oct. 24th. New members are always welcome. For info on upcoming trips call Betty Harding at 215-745-7199.

Job Opportunities

- **Medical Mission Sisters Housekeeper** FT—Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 3:30pm resume to jobs@medicalmissionsisters.org
- **Brothers of Charity**—PT position for younger men to assist Brothers in their home for adults with intellectual disabilities near Glenside up to 25 hrs/week. Must drive and have current license. Call Brother John 215-887-6361.

St. Anne's Craft Show

CRAFTERS NEEDED—St. Anne Social Hall
Memphis & Tucker Sts., Phila. 19125
DATES: Nov. 10 (10am-4pm); Nov. 11 (8am-1pm)
COST: $25 for weekend (pay by Nov. 4)
CALL: Claire Gardner 215-425-3232

Designer Bag Bingo (LOAH Division 25)

Where: St. Martha Church, 11301 Academy Rd.
When: Saturday, October 27 doors open 6:30
Cost: $30 BYOB and outside food permitted
Tkts: Kathleen McAnaney 215-742-1812
kmirish23@aol.com

L king for Halloween costumes

Check your attic/basement for any new or gently used Halloween costumes. Girl Scouts will be collecting for the next couple of weeks. Costumes can be dropped off Wednesday nights (Oct. 17 & 24) at the Cafeteria Door from 7:00-8:00pm. For more info, email girlscoutsaintcecilia@gmail.com.

Here & There

Archbishop Ryan High School
Open House—Wednesday, Oct. 17 (6-8:30pm)
Scholarship/Entrance Test—Oct. 27 (9-12); Oct. 30 (4-7)
archbishopryan.com/admissions

Holy Ghost Prep
Open House—Sunday, Oct. 21 (10am-1pm)
Entrance Exam—Nov 3, Nov. 18, Dec. 9 (8:30am)

Little Flower Annual Mass & Luncheon
Nov. 4 (12:00pm)
Maltese Rm., 2049 Bristol Pk. Bensalem
Dolly Brophy 215-677-9030 dollyb2@verizon.net

Archbishop Wood HS Craft Show
Nov. 16 (6:30-9:30pm); Nov. 17 (10am-3pm)
$2 admission - 200 tables of handmade crafts

Holy Ghost Prep Drama Society presents
Peter and the Starcatcher—Oct. 19 & 20 (7:00pm)
2544 Bristol Pk., Bensalem, PA
$5 tickets at door

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF October 15th

MONDAY, October 15th
6:30am – Joan & Maurice Norris *(wedding anniversary—living)*
8:30am – Dec'd members of Mathias Family

TUESDAY, October 16th
6:30am – Carlos & Vincente Cerezo
8:30am – George Hee

WEDNESDAY, October 17th
6:30am – Helen & Patrick Norris *(wedding anniversary—living)*
8:30am – Charles Heller & Margaret Heller

THURSDAY, October 18th
6:30am – Stephen Pilla
8:30am – Angela & Vincent Gallelli

FRIDAY, October 19th
6:30am – Karen Leigland
8:30am – Claire M. Jonas

SATURDAY, October 20th
8:30am – Martin Griffith
5:00pm – Donald Stoduto *(17th anniversary)*

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE SICK OF THE PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:

Margaret Lukacko
Mike McKee
Veronica Klepesky
Christopher Rodgers
Frank Gutekunst
Ann Marie Tobin Masgai
Violet Black
Lisa Malgieri
Lisa Kovacs-Breuer
Joann Cliggett
Kathy Condran
Patty Martin
Walter Hnat
Eithna Russell
The Seipel Family
Julia Maxin
Carol Gordon
Peg McNeely
Kara Granger
Charles Randolph
Julia Bastian
Rosemary Von Hartleben
James J. Tobin
Marie Lawly
Doreen Leason
Mike Hollenbach
Megan Stewart
Marie Zook
Billy Bailey
Timothy Martin
Jack Kelly
The Davies Family
Russy Kahny
Judi Potts
Bill O'Neill
Liz Bernhard

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, ESPECIALLY:

Sean Logan
Anne Lentz
Victoria Zukowski